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WASHINGTON CITY.  
Hon. Thomas Whitehead writes to the An-  
thor Enterprise from Washington. He says  
that they have to lay down \$125 per month  
for the board of a Congressman, solus. He adds:

"All sorts of places and positions have been  
applied for from country postoffices to U.  
S. Judgeships. Pages, printers, clerks, offi-  
cers, military, naval, civil and ecclesiastical  
are pushing along busily seeking place or pro-  
motion. From what we have seen thousands of  
signatures are asked, whether they have influ-  
ence or no. The Republican members and  
officials must have a tough time. The air  
seems full of applications, claims, pensions, &c.  
It really looks like all the property in the world  
has been destroyed by the war, that nobody had  
ever been paid, and that the survivors were  
expected to endorse for each other.

"The House is composed mainly of first-rate  
average men—sensible workmen who appear  
honest, and desirous of doing what they can for  
their constituents. There is a sprinkling of rather  
flashy, ambitious young men, (mostly new mem-  
bers) and some self-conceited old ones who im-  
agined they had everything to do and could do  
it. We are satisfied that a short experience  
with Speaker Blaine, a few tangles with par-  
liamentary rules, and an audience talking while  
they are speaking, will satisfy them that they  
will not be able to get through the job before  
Christmas.

"Preaching is a grand thing in this city, con-  
sidering the fact that the people don't seem to  
be overly pious. You can hear three sermons  
here every Sunday, and almost every night in  
the week, with the best of singing and praying;  
plenty of prayer-meetings, Christian Associa-  
tions, moral and religious lectures, with or with-  
out price, and yet there is about as much gen-  
teel and ungentle wickedness as in other cities  
of the size. We rather suspect the devil  
wears his Sunday clothes in this city. There  
are not many beggars nor much evidence of  
wretchedness and want. Perhaps there is  
more work at better rates here for the poor.  
There are a great many negroes here. They  
generally look well and behave well. Several  
hundred of little ones are boot-blacks, and a  
few are news-boys."

CHRISTMAS.—We congratulate our readers  
on the near approach of another, we trust—in  
spite of the financial panic—happy-hearted,  
merry old Christmas. The festival seems con-  
secrated by the common Christendom as a sea-  
son of joyous salutations, and the reciprocation  
of the best wishes of the heart. It is fit and  
natural that it should be so. The event it pro-  
poses to commemorate ought to fill the heart  
alike with gladness and gratitude, and it fur-  
nishes a fit occasion for the indulgence of the  
better and kinder feelings of our nature. It is  
a time for good wishes, kind words, and the  
sending of gifts. Were it only for the amount  
of unalloyed delight it brings to our children,  
surely we should regret its abolition from the  
observances of social life, and feel a blank when  
its date returned. Who can stand near the en-  
trance of one of our confectionary stores, and  
watch the looks of the little folks that enter  
and thus have those fairy regions of childish  
delight, and coldly wish the joyous anniversary  
blotted from the calendar?

To the old we wish "troops of friends," and  
flocks of happy children gathering about their  
heartstone. To the young, rosy cheeks, bright  
eyes, and those smiles in which ill-humour can-  
not live. To the newly-married, and even those  
contemplating matrimony—if we have any such  
in our midst—we wish bridal presents in  
profusion, with loving messages from their  
betrotted. To the old couples we wish renewed  
pledges and proofs of growing esteem, that  
would lead them, if free, to marry each other  
again the next minute. To the poor, we wish  
an open winter cheap fuel, warm blankets, plen-  
ty of work. To those who are in distress  
we wish Heaven's mercy, the meek endurance  
of their lot, and a happy issue out of all tribu-  
lation. And, above all, we wish our delinquent  
superiority plenty of greenbacks to enable them  
to liquidate their indebtedness, as we desire to  
enjoy, to a limited extent the approaching holi-  
days.—Winchester News.

[We say, with all our heart, "ditto to this!"]  
—Alexandria Gazette.

CHARLOTTESVILLE (VA.) IN "OLD TIMES."  
The Charlottesville Jeffersonian says:—"The  
land on which the court-house is erected and  
the vacant plot in front of it was the gift of  
Dr. Thomas Walker, the grand father of  
Mrs. W. C. Rives, who had the town laid out  
in lots in 1761-'62, and which was incorporated  
by the House of Burgesses, November, 1762.  
In 1828, when we first saw the Square, there  
was on the west side of it a row of locust trees,  
in front of the stores, which had been set out  
fifteen or twenty years previously, only one of  
which is now standing, in front of Dr. McKee's  
residence. These trees had been planted by a  
man by the name of Shadrach Battles, who was  
half Indian, half mulatto; his pay for the work  
was to be a quart of whiskey for every tree that  
lived. He watched them carefully and watered  
them to aid in their growth, and when any of  
them gave evidence of life by putting forth  
leaves he would clap his hands and shout,  
"Another quart saved." The persons who did  
business on that side paid the contractor as per  
agreement. All the stores in town sold ardent  
spirits, and kept open doors on Sunday morn-  
ings till 10 o'clock, except John Cochran, who  
traded and dealt with the slaves, who came to  
town with written permits from their masters  
to dispose of their garden truck, &c. When  
the late Benjamin Picklin, a magistrate, settled  
in town, he was the means of breaking up this  
Sunday traffic, and to the plea that humanity  
required that the slaves should be allowed to  
buy and sell on Sunday, because they had no  
other time to do it, he said it was against  
the laws of the State to labor or do business on  
the Sabbath, and if masters wished their ser-  
vants to sell what little products they had, they  
should give them time enough to do so on Sat-  
urday afternoon, and not on the Sabbath. Mr.  
Picklin enforced the laws and fined those who  
violated them; on one occasion, when his man-  
ager drove his team to town on Sunday, he went  
before another magistrate and had a fine enter-  
ed against himself, and he made a lawyer pay  
a fine of \$5 on admitting that he wrote business  
letters on Sunday."

CHOICE SUGAR CURED HAMS, Shoulders  
and Breasts received and for sale by  
**AVERY & DAVIDSON.**  
226 King st., cor. Alfred.  
SUGARS and COFFEES and other choice  
GROCERIES for sale at the lowest prices by  
dec 18 J. C. MILBURN.

## EXTRAORDINARY! CLOSING OUT SALE OF CLOTHING!

FOR \$23 SUITS.....FOR \$23  
FOR \$20 SUITS.....FOR \$20  
FOR \$18 SUITS.....FOR \$18

## EVERY GARMENT IN OUR IMMENSE STOCK TO BE FORCED OFF IMMEDIATELY AT ENORMOUS DISCOUNTS!

FOR \$23 OVERCOATS.....FOR \$23  
FOR \$20 OVERCOATS.....FOR \$20  
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FOR \$14 SUITS.....FOR \$14  
FOR \$12 SUITS.....FOR \$12

## FORCED SALES. LOW PRICES! IMMEDIATE REDUCTION! COME AT ONCE!

FOR \$16 OVERCOATS.....FOR \$16  
FOR \$14 OVERCOATS.....FOR \$14  
FOR \$12 OVERCOATS.....FOR \$12  
FOR \$10 OVERCOATS.....FOR \$10

WE ARE DETERMINED

## TO CLEAN OUT OUR IMMENSE STOCK AT ONCE! COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING—IF NOT FULLY CONVINCED, DO NOT BUY—COME AT ONCE.

## HABLE BROTHERS, MERCHANT TAILORS AND FINE CLOTHIERS, Corner 7th and D streets, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., dec 20—JL

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Dealer in

### LUMBER AND TIMBER.

BILLS cut to order and delivered p-r Alex-  
andria and Fredericksburg Railway.

Has just set a Mill in a fresh piece of timber,  
of which a considerable portion is white oak, of  
fine quality, much of it suitable for planking  
vessels.

Also Yellow Pine, Red Oak and Hickory.

Can furnish bills promptly, and solicits a por-  
tion of the public patronage.

Orders may be left at our wood yard, corner  
of Duke and Union streets, where my son is of-  
fering SAWED and SPLIT WOOD for sale at  
reasonable prices. Postoffice box 30, Alexan-  
dria, Va. aug 11-3m

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Carpenters' Tools, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Door

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Balusters, of different patterns, and Newel

Posts. A large stock of French and American

Glass, double and single thick, of all sizes—

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint and White Wash

Brushes, Lewis' Pure White Lead, and other

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Cement, Calced Plaster, Pitch and Felt for

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ted Car Augers, and other articles found in first

class Builders' Furnishing establishments.

All orders for Lumber, Brick and all kinds

of Building Material, promptly attended to.

Terms cash. feb 11-1f

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Sashes, Doors, Blinds, Frames, Mouldings

Brackets, Newels Balusters, and

Maniticoes constantly on hand at the Factory. Call and  
examine stock and prices. aug-1f

TO WAGON MAKERS.—We have on hand  
a superior lot of GUM, ELM and OAK  
HUBS, which were made to our order of season-  
able wood. These Hubs have been examined by  
an expert, and pronounced to be of the best  
material, and are also prepared to do all kinds of  
SAWING and TURNING, MOULDING  
PLANING and CARVING in our line.  
Was tied, in exchange for the Furniture, Wal-  
nut, Poplar, Oak, Maple Birch and Cedar Logs,  
je 8-1f

BOARDING.—Two or three GENTLEMEN can be  
accommodated with BOARD in a private  
family. Apply at this office. sep 23-1f

BOARD.—Well furnished rooms, in a desir-  
able location, with or without board,  
can be obtained by addressing A. B. Gazette  
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We have on hand an assortment of GROVER  
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All machines sold on accommodating terms  
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